



# Corpus Christi Primary

Growing together as the body of Christ

## Newsletter

Term 4

Week 7

21<sup>st</sup> November 2013

Dear Parents,

With still some time until the end of the year, we took time out of our day to give thanks for the great things we have experienced this year as a school. We began the day with a beautiful mass led by Father George as we gave thanks to our God for all the blessings he has given to each member of our school community this year.

Father George also called on parents and students to 'pray, pray, pray' as prayer is a form of communication, a way of talking to God. He encouraged parents to be good role models for their children and to pray for and with their children.

Christ, Teacher and Lord,  
Bless all in this school  
As we seek to end our year  
With the grace you so generously provide.

We give thanks for the students  
And the staff of our school,  
And all who have contributed  
To this year of nurturing and growth.  
We affirm all the positive moments,  
Of insight, of the excitement of learning,  
Of accomplishment, of creativity,  
Of laughter, of a sense of community.

Bless us and keep us safe  
Amen.

Following our Mass of Thanksgiving we welcomed our many volunteers to the hall for a special morning tea to express our gratitude for their contribution this year. Our helpers came in many forms this year including parents and grandparents who helped with reading and activities in learning spaces, in the canteen, in the library, with fundraising or community events, on excursions and events at school. Not to mention the parents who covered hundreds of books that were purchased this year or made donations themselves. We are truly lucky to be surrounded by so many people prepared to support our work.

Peace and Best Wishes

*R. Blissenden*

Richard Blissenden  
Principal

**STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY – NEXT MONDAY 25<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2013.**

**As the staff will be involved in some professional learning there will not be any school for the children next Monday.**



Dear Parents,

### Faith Formation and Reflection

A call to build our faith

Our end of year mass today celebrated all our learning as well as our community united as the Body of Christ. Father George spoke of our vocations and our own personal witness to Christ. "Dear parents, you must be good models of faith for your children." he said.

His words remind us that Jesus grew in wisdom and understanding through the example of Mary and Joseph. We are called to do the same and model for our children our faith in all that we say and do. Thankyou to all the parents, friends and parishioners who were able to share in our celebration today. Thankyou also to all the teachers and children who helped to prepare with posters, readings, singing and processions. Thankyou to Mrs Brooks for returning and Christine Muscat (4B) who accompanied our choir for the very first time so beautifully. Thankyou to our choir who prepared so well and made our celebration very special.

### Catholic Culture

Last night about 80 children from our school and parish celebrated their first reconciliation. We congratulate them at this very special time and remind them that the sacrament of Reconciliation is not just something done once but is a healing sacrament that can be celebrated often. Many family and friends took that opportunity last night. We were very lucky to have had the support of priests from the Nepean area who with Fr. George helped to celebrate at this very busy time of the year. The celebration was a time for us to reflect on our mission to be 'United as God's Family'. These children will now have the opportunity to continue their sacramental journey next year with their First Communion and then in Year 5 with their Confirmation. Congratulations to all the children, parents, teachers and facilitators for their wonderful preparation and support for one another.

Lord,

*You made the universe for your glory,  
and call all the people to love you.*

*May we continue to grow in your love  
and may others come to know*

*You through the way we live our lives.*

*Amen*

### Social Justice

#### **CORPUS CHRISTI CHRISTMAS HAMPER APPEAL**

Once again we will be supporting our Parish and its branch of the St. Vincent de Paul Society with the Corpus Christi Christmas Hamper appeal. Please remember to send in your donations of canned food, tins of ham and Christmas goodies to fill our class hampers. Classes are making hampers for a specific number of people of differing ages in a family and if you would like to donate a gift we would ask that it be wrapped and clearly labelled eg. Boy 9yrs or Adult female. Year 1 and Year 2 have had an amazing response so far, keep up the good work everyone. These will be presented to Fr. George and the parish after our final assembly on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December. Your contribution will make someone else's life a little easier this Christmas.

Have a lovely week  
Sharon Shahoud  
Religious Education Coordinator



### **CURRICULUM NEWS**

#### **END OF YEAR REPORTS 2013**

If you have not returned your child's TAT's folder to your child's teacher would you please do so as soon as possible. Your child's work samples for the second half of the year and their end of year report will come home in this folder.

Thank you for your prompt response to this request.

*Maree Tonnet  
Assistant Principal*

#### **THANK YOU MORNING TEA**

Thank you to Carolina Bocaz who donated the lovely cakes for our Thank You Morning Tea. They were delicious. Your generosity is appreciated!



## LIVE LIFE WELL @ SCHOOL



### Do an hour of physical activity everyday

Children need at least 60 minutes of activity each day. Children are not going to have enough physical activity while at school. Families can plan extra activity into their lives to make up the difference.

*Miss Bonser and Miss Buttigieg*

### MOVING SCHOOLS OR LEAVING CORPUS CHRISTI AT THE END OF 2014?

It is a **legal requirement** that you inform us of the school your child will be attending in 2014. If you are moving house or changing schools please advise the school office in writing of your new contact details and the name of the school your child will be attending. We have a number of families on our waiting list now (people are hearing good things about our school and want to come here) and we would like to offer them places where we can. Thank you for your understanding and co-operation in this matter.

*Please note: This does not include students in Year 6 moving onto high school as we already have this information*



### BUS PASSES FOR YEAR 3 -2014

If your child is currently in Year 2 and going into Year 3 in 2014, then **you must apply** for a 2014 bus pass. **They will not automatically receive one.** Applications are available from the office.

## CANTEEN NEWS

### Prices

A reminder that we had a price rise at the beginning of this term. Some families are still using the old price list. Please note the new prices in the attached updated Canteen Menu.

### Canteen Helpers 2014

One of our families, the McNaughts, who have been assisting with the co-ordination of the Canteen for the past few years, will be leaving Corpus Christi at the end of the year as their youngest is moving to High School. Sharon and John have done an amazing job with the help of Donna Field and a very small band of terrific volunteers. For our canteen to continue to be available to our families we need two things

- a volunteer to assist Donna to continue to co-ordinate the canteen and
- MANY volunteers to assist with the preparing and serving of the menu items.

Without a significant increase in the number of volunteers we will have to seriously look at reducing the canteen to one day or close it completely. If you are able to volunteer (this year or NEXT), please return the slip below.

### CANTEEN HELPER

I can assist in the Canteen – please put my name on the roster and contact me.

- I have completed the Child Protection Training Module for Volunteers
- I will complete the Child Protection Training Module for Volunteers

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Please Tick  2013  2014  Both

Please Tick Days Available  
 Monday  Friday  Both

Please Tick Time Available  
 9-10am  12.30-2pm  Both

Please Tick Frequency  
 Weekly  Fortnightly  Monthly



### STUDENT BANKING

Please note: The last day for student banking this year will now be Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December. (not 13<sup>th</sup> as previously advertised)



### CLASS AWARD STAMPING

The dates for stamping of your awards are week 7 - 22/11/13 and week 9 - 6/12/13.

### FIRST PRINCIPALS LUNCH

The first principal's lunch was held for 7 very happy recipients of Gold Principals Awards. The students enjoyed lunch together with Mr Blissenden and talked about the award system which they thought had been a great addition to the school. Congratulations to these students: Emily McCurley 5B, Olivia Palarma 5G, Joshua Grima 5B, Braedyn Urban 4B, April Monteleone, Lauren Howell 4B and Christine Muscat 4B



### RITCHIES IGA

Thankyou once again to all members of the community who support Corpus Christi by shopping at Ritchies IGA. Another \$63.04 was directly deposited into our school account. This money will continue to be put towards resources for our children.



### DOGS ON SCHOOL PROPERTY

The legislation about dogs on school property is explicit and is found in the Companion Animals Act 1998. It states, 'dogs are prohibited in some public places – school grounds.....under the Education Act.....' Corpus Christi appreciates and values pet ownership as an educational experience. In past years we have welcomed external agencies into the school as part of "Dog Education" programmes. We also acknowledge that bringing dogs into a child-focused environment carries with it the risk of physical injury to children, no matter how friendly or well-controlled those dogs may be. Furthermore, having dogs on the school grounds creates anxiety and unpredictable behaviour for those children who may find contact with dogs frightening. Although dogs can be good pets for some, they can be scary to some other people, and pose an allergic response to others. Unless used as an aid to visual impairment or disability, dogs are not allowed on the school grounds. At Corpus Christi we ask you to work with us in partnership to provide and maintain occupational environments that are healthy and safe, for the wellbeing of employees, students in our care and volunteers.



### 2014 DATES – Dates for your 2014 Diary

- Staff return 28<sup>th</sup> January 2014
- Students in Years 1-6 return 29<sup>th</sup> January
- Kinder Students visit 29<sup>th</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup> January
- Kinder students start (full days) 3<sup>rd</sup> February
- Twilight Swimming Carnival (years 2-6) 12<sup>th</sup> February
- PRG Welcome BBQ and Bush Dance 28<sup>th</sup> February (TBC)
- Term 1 concludes April 11<sup>th</sup>

# What's on and When

## November

Week 7	22 <sup>nd</sup>	Friday	Award Stamping
Week 8	25 <sup>th</sup>	Monday	Staff Development Day – No School for students

## December

Week 9	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Monday	3G & ½ 3B Penrith Lakes Excursion
	6 <sup>th</sup>	Friday	Andrew Chin – Christmas celebrations – No gymnastics for Kindergarten
Week 10	11 <sup>th</sup>	Wednesday	LAST DAY for Uniform Shop 8.30am – 6pm (lunch break 11.30am – 12.30pm)
	13 <sup>th</sup>	Friday	Yr. 6 - Motiv8 & Disco,
Week 11	16 <sup>th</sup>	Monday	Change over afternoon, Yr. 6 Mass and Awards
	17 <sup>th</sup>	Tuesday	Final Assembly
	18 <sup>th</sup>	Wednesday	last day for Students

School resumes Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> January for Years 1-6 (including Kindergarten Pre-testing)  
Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> February for Kindergarten



### “Mathematics” Merit Awards

Candice Trajcevski	Sophie Vella
Montanah Telefoni	Cohen Bellingham
Lane Zahra	Zac Hotchkiss
Harrison Dengate	Liam Looysehelder
Lawerence Galea	Lachlan Caffrey
Christopher Whitton	Aiden Xibberas
Nicholas Pace	Alexandra Dickson
Liam Ferguson	Luke Attard
Tiana – Lee Pedrana	Thomas O’Sullivan
Jordan Mitchell	Nicholas Shearer
Sarah Bonnici	

### PLAYGROUND AWARD

Piper Smith KE



### KEN GATES TENNIS COACHING

#### Werrington and Lapstone

Beginners from 8yrs to 14 yrs. old.  
10 week course and receive a free tennis racquet.  
For more information.  
Phone 0419 297 237



### UNIFORM SHOP

Wednesdays  
8.30am – 9.30am &  
2.30pm – 3.30pm

To ensure all items are returned to their owners -  
PLEASE mark clearly all items with your child's name.

### EXCHANGES OR REFUND

Although exchanges and refunds are accepted. All items must be in original condition with all packaging including tags attached.

**A receipt IS REQUIRED for any faulty item or refunds.**

**A receipt is issued for all purchases including pre-paid orders**

**\*\*\*\*PLEASE KEEP YOUR RECEIPTS\*\*\*\***

### NOTES SENT HOME RECENTLY:

- N/A



## Term 4 Week 8 - GENERAL INFORMATION AND REMINDERS

- **Monday** - Staff Development Day – No School for students
- **Tuesday** - Assembly 2.20pm
- **Wednesday** - Uniform Shop
- **Friday** - Student Banking, Gymnastics- Kindergarten, Award stamping

## UNIFORM SURVEY

As we move towards the end of the two-year phase in period of our uniform we would like your feedback on our uniform arrangements. Please read the attached Uniform Policy which has some slight amendments to reflect our new uniforms.

Your Name \_\_\_\_\_

Child / Children (and 2013 class) at Corpus Christi \_\_\_\_\_

The school has been asked to make the School Bag a compulsory part of the uniform for all grades (compulsory for Kinder / Year 1). Would you support the School Bag being made compulsory (but phased in over a number of years)? (Please circle)

**Yes**                      **Uncertain**                      **No**

Comment:

The school is exploring a raincoat (with crest) for sale as an optional extra to the uniform. Is this an item you would consider purchasing for your child/ren?

**Yes**                      **Uncertain**                      **No**

Comment:

I find the quality of the uniform to be generally...(Please circle)

**Poor**                      **Good**                      **Excellent**

Comment:

I find the Uniform Policy to be easy to understand and follow...(Please circle)

**Yes**                      **No**

Comment:

Do you have any feedback, comments or suggestions about our Uniform, the Policy or our Uniform Shop?

# **UNIFORM POLICY**

## **PURPOSE**

The wearing of our school uniform plays an important role in instilling pride in the children and maintaining our school identity and spirit. This Uniform Policy clearly states our school expectations for parents and encourages students to consistently wear the correct uniform.

## **BROAD GUIDELINES**

### **1. UNIFORM**

Children are to wear the correct school uniform neatly and with pride and are not to deviate from items on the School Uniform list in the Parent Information booklet.

All items of clothing must be clearly marked with the child's full name. Shoes and sport shoes can be marked on the inside with a waterproof texta. The school cannot accept the responsibility for items that are lost.

No Lost Property Strategy – we do not have a lost property box – all items of clothing with names will be returned to their owner immediately and un-named items donated to the uniform shop.

The uniform is designed to be added to, and removed, in layers – eg children are required to wear the school jumper before wearing a school bomber jacket.

### **2. JEWELLERY**

Girls with pierced ears are to wear a single sleeper or stud only.

Boys are not permitted to wear ear rings to school.

Coloured nail polish is not to be worn.

Only signet rings are to be worn to school.

Bangles, bracelets or anklets are not to be worn. Only medical bracelets are permitted.

A single necklace of a religious nature may be worn but because of safety issues and the potential to lose valuable items, this should be worn under the child's shirt.

### **3. HAIR**

Hairstyles are to be neat and simple and devoid of any type of cosmetic colouring.

Students with shoulder-length hair are to have it tied back away from the face to allow clear vision and for hygiene reasons.

Ribbons and 'scrunchies' worn by girls are to be in the school colours of emerald, gold and white. Hair accessories such as multi-coloured clips are not to be worn.

Boys' haircuts are not to be radically cut or multilayered (such as pronounced, shaved undercuts) or so long that it is below the collar or impairs vision.

### **4. SHOES and SOCKS**

Children are to wear black school shoes.

On sports days predominately white sandshoes are to be worn. Sport shoes are to be devoid of brightly coloured patterns.

Ankle-high boots, desert shoes, loafers and thongs are not to be worn.

High-tops (eg Converse) and mid-cut shoes (eg Rabens) are not to be worn.

Low-cut socks are not to be worn at any time – only socks sold in the Uniform Shop are to be worn.

### **5. SCHOOL HATS**

Students are to wear the correct school hat every day, regardless of the weather. If children do not have a hat they will be directed to stay in a shaded area.

Hats are to be worn to and from school, daily.

Generic brand-name hats or caps are not to be worn to school unless as a substitute for a lost hat. This must be accompanied by a note from the parent.

## **BASIS OF DISCRETION**

Only the school sells the school uniform. Operating times of the shop are published in the School Newsletter.

If uniform items are temporarily out of stock, children may wear substitute clothing (shirts, socks, hats) as close to the school colours as possible. Availability of items should be checked with the school office.

Children involved in specialist sports activities such as Cross Country, Athletics, Swimming, CPSSA, Gymnastics, Touch Football, or Rugby League training may deviate from the above guidelines in regard to bringing sports clothes (especially shorts and footwear) to school on training days.

Year 6 children, in consultation with parents and the school principal, may purchase a graduation sports shirt. These may be worn by the children on sports days.

Parents are requested to provide a letter if the correct uniform is not been worn. Classroom teachers are responsible for maintaining and checking that the correct uniform is being worn.